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CDC H1N1 "Swine Flu" PHISHING SCAM

Summary: The Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO) at the CDC, with the Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) have received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a **CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program** for the H1N1 "Swine Flu" contagion. CDC has NOT implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration on www.cdc.gov. Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. OCISO would like to remind users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

1. Do not follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
2. Use caution when visiting un-trusted websites.
3. Use caution when entering personal information online.

For an example of a phishing email, please see our website on Health Related Hoaxes and Rumors at http://www.cdc.gov/hoaxes_rumors.html

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